Saskatchewan Consumer Price Index

March 2013

According to Statistics Canada, the Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index increased 0.2 percent between February 2013 and March 2013 while the Canada All-items Index advanced 0.2 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index rose 0.4 percent and 0.2 percent, respectively, during the same period.

In Saskatchewan, the March All-items Index increased from February 2013 primarily due to higher prices for gasoline, cigarettes, women's clothing and children's clothing. Prices also rose for homeowners' replacement cost, fresh fruit and dairy products.

Moderating these increases were lower prices for purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles, non-prescribed medicine, fresh vegetables and traveller accommodation. Prices also fell for reading material and other printed matter (excluding textbooks), sugar and confectionary and paper, plastic and foil supplies.

The Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index advanced 1.3 percent between March 2012 and March 2013 while the Canada All-items Index increased 1.0 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index climbed 1.7 percent and 1.0 percent, respectively, during the same period.

The March All-items Index increased from March 2012 primarily due to higher prices for rent, purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles, electricity and cablevision and satellite services (including pay per view television). Prices also rose for food purchased from restaurants, passenger vehicles insurance premiums and fresh fruit.

These increases were partially offset by lower prices for gasoline, recreational equipment and services (excluding recreational vehicles), natural gas and homeowners' home and mortgage insurance. Prices also fell for home entertainment equipment, parts and services, mortgage interest cost and travel tours.

For more details, contact the Saskatchewan Bureau of Statistics at (306) 787-6327 or visit www.stats.gov.sk.ca

ALL-ITEMS
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
SASKATCHEWAN AND CANADA

	Index		Percent Change	
	Mar. 2013	Feb. 2013	Feb. 2013 to Mar. 2013	Mar. 2012 to Mar. 2013
	(2002 = 100)			
SASKATCHEWAN				
All-Items	125.2	124.9	0.2	1.3
Food	133.2	132.6	0.5	2.3
Shelter	148.7	148.4	0.2	1.5
Household Operations and Furnishings	108.5	108.7	-0.2	1.8
Clothing and Footwear	98.9	96.7	2.3	0.9
Transportation	120.0	119.9	0.1	0.9
Health and Personal Care	114.9	115.7	-0.7	0.8
Recreation, Education and Reading	105.8	105.8	0.0	0.2
Tobacco and Alcohol	147.7	144.7	2.1	3.4
All-Items Excluding Energy	123.5	123.4	0.1	1.6
Energy	142.0	139.9	1.5	-0.4
CANADA				
All-Items	122.9	122.7	0.2	1.0
Food	132.4	132.9	-0.4	1.8
Shelter	128.0	127.9	0.1	1.1
Household Operations and Furnishings	114.7	114.3	0.3	1.8
Clothing and Footwear	95.3	91.4	4.3	0.5
Transportation	129.5	130.3	-0.6	0.0
Health and Personal Care	118.3	118.6	-0.3	0.0
Recreation, Education and Reading	105.2	104.7	0.5	0.3
Tobacco and Alcohol	139.8	139.4	0.3	1.7
All-Items Excluding Energy	120.0	119.7	0.3	1.1
Energy	159.9	160.1	-0.1	0.3
REGINA				
All-Items	126.3	125.8	0.4	1.7
SASKATOON				
All-Items	125.3	125.0	0.2	1.0

Note: These indices measure the percent change in consumer prices within each geographic area. The indices do not compare price levels between Saskatchewan, Canada, Regina or Saskatoon.

Source: Statistics Canada, *Consumer Price Index Survey*
Prepared by Saskatchewan Bureau of Statistics, Ministry of Finance

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
PERCENT CHANGE
CANADA AND PROVINCES

	Percent Change	
	Feb. 2013 to Mar. 2013	Mar. 2012 to Mar. 2013
Canada	0.2	1.0
Newfoundland	0.1	1.6
Prince Edward Island	0.3	1.2
Nova Scotia	0.0	1.1
New Brunswick	0.2	0.8
Quebec	-0.2	0.8
Ontario	0.3	1.0
Manitoba	0.6	2.3
Saskatchewan	0.2	1.3
Alberta	0.3	1.2
British Columbia	0.2	0.5
Whitehorse	0.2	1.2
Yellowknife	0.2	1.6
Iqaluit	0.0	1.2

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PERCENT CHANGE
CANADIAN CITIES

	Percent Change	
	Feb. 2013 to Mar. 2013	Mar. 2012 to Mar. 2013
St. John's	0.1	1.5
Charlottetown-Summerside	0.3	1.2
Halifax	0.1	1.0
Saint John	0.2	0.8
Quebec City	-0.2	1.1
Montreal	-0.2	0.8
Ottawa	0.3	0.9
Toronto	0.3	1.1
Thunder Bay	0.2	0.6
Winnipeg	0.5	2.3
Regina	0.4	1.7
Saskatoon	0.2	1.0
Edmonton	0.2	1.0
Calgary	0.3	1.3
Vancouver	0.2	0.2
Victoria	0.2	0.8
Whitehorse	0.2	1.2
Yellowknife	0.2	1.6
Iqaluit	0.0	1.2

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